

REMARKS

The claim amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice.

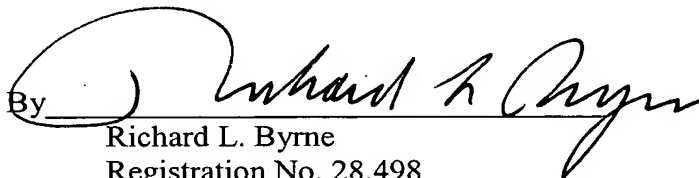
All original claims have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 7-16 in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to standard United States patent practice.

A copy of the added Abstract is attached for insertion into the application.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 7-16 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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USE OF ANTISEPTIC ACTIVE PRINCIPLES IN PMMA BONE CEMENTS**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention concerns the use of polyhexamethylene biguanide in PMMA bone cements, which preferably do not contain antibiotics. The cements exhibit a concentration of active principle not exceeding 1 wt. % relative to the total weight of the cement, which is a concentration sufficiently high to prevent microbial colonization of the cement surface. The cements do not cause durable alteration of the healing process.